

BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD

DATE: 24 September 2007

PLACE: 1 Capitol Hill, 2nd Floor
Providence, RI 02908

MEMBERS PRESENT: Messrs.: Carter and Pilz
Ms. Bradford and Ms. Sparks

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ms. Votta

OTHERS PRESENT: Irene Mowry, Administrative Assistant
Attorney Thomas Palombo

OTHERS ABSENT: Peter N. Dennehy, Deputy Chief Legal Counsel

CALLED TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:48 p.m.

PREPARED BY: Irene Mowry

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board

Board members reviewed the regular and executive minutes of the 17 July 2007 meeting. Motion was made by Ms. Bradford and seconded by Mr. Pilz to approve the minutes. All members present approved motion.

Executive Session

Chair Carter moved to convene into executive session at 6:00 p.m. pursuant to RI General Laws, § 42-46-5(a)(2) for sessions or work sessions pertaining to collective bargaining or litigation and § 42-46-5(a)(4) for investigative proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. Motion was seconded by Ms. Bradford and approved.

Motion was made by Chair Carter to close the matter of Hali Beckman, Ltd. Motion was seconded by Bradford and approved by all members present.

Chair Carter moved to adjourn from executive session and to reconvene to an open meeting at 6:02 p.m. pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 42-46-4. Ms. Bradford seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

Chair Carter moved to record the votes taken in executive session pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 42-46-4. Ms. Bradford seconded. Motion was approved unanimously.

Old Business

Rules and Regulations - This item is tabled for discussion at a later date.

Renewals - Board members reviewed the landscape architect renewal applications for the following individuals: Gerard J. Lambert, Tommy C. E. Lee and Nancy L. Parmentier. Motion was made by Mr. Pilz and seconded by Chair Carter to approve the request for exemption to the COA requirement for Mr. Lambert and Mr. Lee. Motion was approved by all members present.

Nancy Parmentier, LA#377, requested an exemption to the COA requirement but responded that she is offering landscape architectural services in this State on her renewal application. It was a decision of the Board to have Ms. Mowry phone her to get clarification on her response. Motion was made by Ms.

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Bradford to grant the COA exemption if she responds that she is not offering services. Mr. Pilz seconded the motion and motion was

approved by all members present.

Board members reviewed a revised draft copy of the proposed bill that Attorney Dennehy was asked to submit to House Fiscal Members and the Governor from the four boards. The Board of Registration for Professional Engineers informed Attorney Dennehy that they wanted the elimination of paragraphs 5 and 6 included with the change in effective date in the revised draft. Board members agreed unanimously with the engineers that the elimination of these paragraphs should be included at this time.

Chair Carter and board members agreed that we address this issue in the form of a letter and send it to House Fiscal Committee members and other appropriate officials. Chair Carter volunteered to draft a letter and forward it to the board members for input and comments prior to mailing.

New Business

Board members were informed that CLARB has improved the way that it collects demographic information necessary to the examination process in order to remove redundancy for candidates. In previous administrations, candidates were required to complete an Examinee Questionnaire for each section of the L.A.R.E. Collection of this information becomes redundant if a candidate is taking more than one section of the exam. To avoid this redundancy, the

examinee questionnaire information has been eliminated at the time of testing. Questionnaire data will now be collected when a candidate chooses to review their score results on the CLARB website.

The CLARB statistics for the passing rates on the 2007 June L.A.R.E. were presented and reviewed. The passing rates are as follows: Section C -- 39%, Section E -- 29%. Board members viewed the L.A.R.E. results for candidates who participated in the June administration of Sections C & E in RI.

Applications

Board members reviewed the reciprocity application for Gilbert B. Wheless. Based on Section 5-51-7 of the law, motion was made by Mr. Pilz, seconded by Ms. Bradford and approved by all members present to approve this applicant for registration.

LARE candidate Robyn L. Reed has successfully completed all sections of the exam. Motion was made by Mr. Pilz, seconded by Ms. Bradford and approved by all members present to accept her scores and approve her application for license, upon payment of all fees due.

COA's

Board members reviewed the corporate COA application for Veri/Waterman Associates, Inc. Motion to approve the COA was

made by Mr. Pilz and seconded by Ms. Sparks. Motion was approved by all members present.

Motion was made by Ms. Bradford, seconded by Mr. Pilz and approved by all members present to deny the COA application for The WBA Group, Inc. for failure to submit a current Certificate of Good Standing.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Pilz motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Motion was seconded by Chair Carter and approved by all members present. The next meeting of the Board is scheduled Wednesday, October 17, 2007.